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COUNTRY Austria

REPORT NO.

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TOPIC Airfield of TRAUSDORF

EVALUATION 25X1

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 1 July 1949

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1. The following aircraft were parked at the TRAUSDORF (P 48/X 55) airfield on 1 July 1949:

a. About 20 fighters of the same type as those observed at the WIENSR-NEUSTADT (O 48/X 35) airfield on 30 June 1949; about 100 fighters (long, slim fuselage; wings set almost in the middle of fuselage; rear section of high rudder assembly protruding over elevator assembly; in-line engine aft of cockpit; nose wheel).

b. Two aircraft of the first type and 40 of the second type took off between 1:40 and 1:45 p.m. (six planes taking off simultaneously.) the aircraft headed south and landed again between 2:30 p.m. and 2:40 p.m. The first-mentioned aircraft were considerably faster and more maneuverable and had a higher climbing ability.

c. A watchtower had recently been set up on the western field border (near the parked aircraft).

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Comment: The report confirms information of early May 1949, according to which the TRAUSDORF airfield is occupied by about 100 fighters. Two or three fighter regiments are assumed to be stationed there. The described aircraft type probably is a P-39 or P-63. The type of the other planes (allegedly of the same type as those observed in WIENSR-NEUSTADT) cannot be determined. According to available information, about 120 fighters are stationed in WIENSR-NEUSTADT and 100 to 120 fighters in TRAUSDORF. From the observed number of aircraft it is assumed that two fighter divisions are located in Austria. So far, only one fighter division of three regiments has been assumed to be stationed there.

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[redacted] except for the number of aircraft allegedly stationed in WELCH HUSSLAUT and TRAUSSDORF, there are no other indications supporting the assumed presence of two fighter divisions in Austria.

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